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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON CROATIAN EXTREMISTS IN AUSTRALIA

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1. AT PRESENT THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON CROATIAN TERRORISTS TO BE PUT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. INTERESTED OFFICES ARE CURRENTLY FULLY OCCUPIED IN THE READING AND ANALYSIS OF THE CONSIDERABLE BODY OF DOCUMENTATION ON CROAT EXTREMISTS AND TERRORISTS THAT HAS BECOME AVAILABLE FROM AUSTRALIA SINCE MARCH.

2. THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT WITH A COPY OF AN AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION DOCUMENT ENTITLED "IMMIGRATION NOTICE INDEX", DATED MARCH 1973. THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS THE NAMES AND BIRTHDATES OF SOME 1500 PERSONS LIVING IN AUSTRALIA AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES "WHO ARE OF INTEREST TO THE AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES IN VIEW OF THEIR CONNECTION WITH EXTREMIST CROATIAN ACTIVITIES". IT ALSO GIVES THE COUNTRY OF BIRTH, ALMOST INVARIABLY YUGOSLAVIA, BUT DOES NOT IDENTIFY COUNTRY OF CURRENT RESIDENCE OR CITIZENSHIP. THESE NAMES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S ELECTRONIC LOOK-OUT SYSTEM AND WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE VISA LOOK OUT

BOOK(VLOB).

3. PROMINENT CROATIAN (AND IN SOME CASES SERB) EXTREMIST LEADERS WHO ARE LISTED INCLUDE: JOSIP BIOSIC, ANTE BONIFACIC, ANTE DOSEN(ANTHONY DOSHEN), SLOBODAN DRASKOVICH(A SERB), MILAN GAVRILOVICH (SERB), STJEPAN HEFER, IVO KORSKY, RAFAEL MEDIC, MATE MESTROVIC, IBRAHIM PJANIC, SRECKO BLAZ ROVER, UROS SEFEROVIC (AKA SEFFER, A SERB), AND ANTE VUKIC. THE LIST ALSO INCLUDES THE NAMES OF THE NINE NATURALIZED AUSTRALIANS OF CROAT ORIGIN WHO TOOK PART IN THE JUNE 1972 INCURSION INTO YUGOSLAVIA, OF WHOM SIX WERE KILLED IN FIGHTING AND THREE WERE EXECUTED AFTER TRIAL.

4. PROMINENT OR ESPECIALLY ACTIVE CROAT AND SERB EXTREMIST LEADERS WHO ARE NOT LISTED INCLUDE: RUDOLF ARAPOVIC, IVAN JELIC (JELICH), STOJILJKO KAJEVIC (A SERB), BRANKO MARIC, BOGDAN RADICA, DINKO SAKIC- BILANOVIC, AND CONFIDENTIAL

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JOSIP VRBIC.

5. THE IMMIGRATION NOTICE INDEX, WE ARE INFORMED, IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH A SIMILAR AUSTRALIAN DOCUMENT DESCRIBED AS THE "YUGOSLAV COMPOSITE LIST" AND CONTAINING THE NAMES OF "PERSONS OF YUGOSLAV EXTRACTION WHOSE ACTIVITIES AND WHEREABOUTS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE OF INTEREST TO THE

COMMONWEALTH POLICE". BOTH THE NOTICE INDEX AND THE COMPOSITE LIST REPORTEDLY INCLUDE NAMES OF PERSONS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS AS WELL AS OF EXTREMISTS AND MILITANTS FOR THE POLITICAL CAUSE OF CROAT SEPARATISM.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK TO OBTAIN COPIES OF IMMIGRATION NOTICE INDEX AND COMPOSITE LIST AND MAKE THEM AVAILABLE TO CONSULAR POSTS. (B) POSTS SHOULD NOT ISSUE VISAS TO PERSONS LISTED IN EITHER LIST OR IN VLOB WITHOUT REFERRAL TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR ADVISORY OPINION. (C) POSTS SHOULD INCLUDE LOCALLY- OBTAINABLE INFORMATION IN REFERRAL MESSAGES. (D) EMBASSY, IN CONSULTATION WITH CONSULAR POSTS, SHOULD DESCRIBE PROCEDURES FOLLOWED TO DATE AND PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED, IF ANY, IN SCREENING VISA APPLICANTS AGAINST POSSIBILITY APPLICANTS MAY HAVE RECORDS AS CROATIAN EXTREMISTS ADVOCATING OR ENGAGING IN VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM FOR POLITICAL PURPOSE. (E) IN LIGHT RESULTS OF REVIEW REQUESTED IN (D) EMBASSY SHOULD SUBMIT RECOMMENDATION AS TO BEST PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING CURRENT INFORMATION FROM AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES ON ANY VISA APPLICANT WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON INDEX OR COMPOSITE LIST. RUSH

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